

Hanford Council No. 2343 of the Knights of Columbus was established on February 5, 1922, by parishioners of Saint Brigid's Catholic Church in Hanford, California, to serve and support individuals and organizations in need. Members and families of Hanford Council No. 2343 have carried on the mission of charity and service for 100 years. Their vow to continue the work of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism has led to the betterment of our community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Hanford Knights of Columbus Council 2343 on their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COLONEL STEPHEN GOURLEY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and accomplishments of Colonel Stephen Gourley and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. He took the values from his years of service and cultivated a post-service career that made lasting impacts in our community by educating, advocating, and supporting veterans and their families.

Prior to Colonel Gourley's contributions to our community, he served our nation with honor as a 26-year veteran of the United States Air Force. Throughout his service, he worked on projects in space acquisition and operations—commanding teams and space systems of the highest national importance.

Upon retirement from active duty, Colonel Gourley came to Colorado and began working on behalf of veterans and furthering youth STEM education. After years of service as an active member of the Air Force Association—where he led the development and implementation of StellarXplorers—Colonel Gourley was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Aurora Defense Council. Colonel Gourley worked diligently to ensure the Council continued operating throughout the pandemic—conducting virtual meetings focused on strengthening military healthcare, promoting the aerospace industry, establishing the Aurora Armed Forces Treatment Court, recognizing those who served during the pandemic, and supporting the people and missions of the U.S. Military.

Colonel Gourley's contributions to our country and community epitomize what it means to practice servant leadership. I congratulate Colonel Gourley on his retirement and thank him for his service to our community and Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained en route to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 7.

RECOGNIZING MS. VERONICA TAYLOR

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pontiac resident and Precinct Delegate Ms. Veronica Taylor. Ms. Taylor is an exuberant figure within our community and one of the most tireless advocates for economic justice, voting and women's rights, and progress for all. On December 20, 2021, Ms. Taylor experienced a major car accident on Perry Street. With a wrecked vehicle and lucky to be alive, Ms. Taylor's fortitude and optimism have seen her through this difficult period. Her light continues to shine on the City of Pontiac and her political work within Oakland County. She continues to bring people together and rise above any challenge. Madam Speaker, Veronica Taylor survived her auto accident through the grace of God; she has more to give to this world, and every one of us will be better off as a result. Please join me from the United States Capitol in saluting Veronica Taylor.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF STEVE PENLAND

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Steve Penland. Steve has spent most of his life as a Christmas tree farmer in York, South Carolina and is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community.

Steve is a true friend of the public, having served his community and our state for over fifty years. In his career as a preeminent Christmas tree farmer in South Carolina and a leader of the South Carolina Christmas Tree Association (SCCTA), Steve has exceeded expectations in service to our state, which is highlighted by his organizing of the annual placement of Christmas trees in the Governor's mansion. Additionally, Steve has served as President of the SCCTA numerous times, is a regular participant in the South Carolina State Fair, and was a pioneer in enhancing Virginia Pine seedlings. Steve remains involved in his community today.

While Steve has officially retired, his legacy continues to be felt throughout our state with the success of South Carolina's Christmas tree industry and his children's commitment to the family tradition that Steve started. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Steve for his lifelong service to our great state and congratulate him on his receipt of the Order of the Palmetto.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR CAPTAIN MIKE GREEN FOR 46 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE BEAVER ISLAND BOAT COMPANY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Senior Captain Mike Green for 46 years of service to his community with his work with the Beaver Island Boat Company. Through his steadfast commitment to transporting the public safely and consistently across Lake Michigan, he has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Mike began his career with the Beaver Island Boat Company (BIBC) as a deckhand in 1975 when he was only 18 years old. He started out alongside his father before eventually taking over the helm himself—a role he has held for 46 years since. Mike's work has been critical for Northern Michigan over the years in facilitating travel to and from Beaver Island for goods, services, and visitors. BIBC operates nine months out of the year, and Mike himself runs over 150 trips annually to ensure customers and cargo make it safely to their destination.

For nearly half a century, Mike has served the public and our community with kindness, professionalism, and compassion. We will miss him at the helm, but we are excited about what his next voyage will be. The example he set as Senior Captain of the Beaver Island Boat Company inspires us all and will continue to do so for future successors of the position.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Senior Captain Mike Green on his career. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a driven leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mike all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ADOLFO PETER "SGAMBY" SGAMBELLURI

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adolfo Peter "Sgamby" Sgambelluri. "Sgamby," as he was widely known, was a retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel and dedicated public servant. Our community will fondly remember him as a civic leader unconditionally devoted to the people of Guam and our Nation.

As a young son of Guam, Colonel Sgambelluri survived the atrocities of World War II and endured through the Japanese occupation of our island. Emboldened by the heroic deeds of his father, who courageously worked as a secret intelligence operative during the war, and the role of American forces in Guam's liberation, Colonel Sgambelluri rose as a resolute defender of the Chamoru people.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Washington State University in 1960, Colonel Sgambelluri was commissioned in the U.S.